



Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 09/889,802 First Named Applicant: Kreutzer
Examiner: Brian Whiteman Art Unit: 1635 Status of Application: After Final

Tentative Participants:

(1) Brian Whiteman (2) Karen Lacourciere
(3) Kathleen Williams (4) Amy Decloux

Proposed Date of Interview: March 2004 Proposed Time: either (AM/PM)

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) Telephonic (2) Personal (3) Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: [] YES [] NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]
(2) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]
(3) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]
(4) _____	_____	_____	[]	[]	[]

[] Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

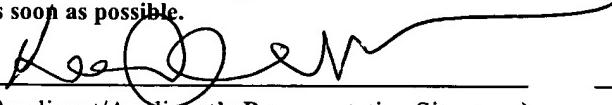
If the attached second after-final amendment does not render
the application in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully
request an interview to discuss outstanding issues.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE:

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.


(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature)

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

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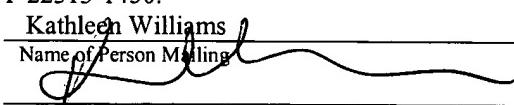
Application of: Kreutzer, et al.
Serial No.: 09/889,802
Filed: September 17, 2001
Entitled: Compositions and Methods for Inhibiting the Expression of a Defined Gene.

Examiner: Brian A Whiteman
Group Art Unit: 1635
Conf. No.: 8835

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF EXAMINER INTERVIEW

Sir:

This is filed in response to the Interview Summary mailed on February 3, 2004. Applicants thank Examiner Brian Whiteman for the courtesy of a telephonic interview with the undersigned attorney on January 6, 2004, the substance of which is summarized below.

In the interview, Applicants' representative asked the examiner to reconsider Applicants' position that the cited art does not anticipate the instant claims. Specifically, Applicant requested reconsideration of the cited article by Alfonzo et al. as art because it does not meet all the limitations of the instant claims, including the limitation of the claimed oligoribonucleotide's being complementary to a mammalian target gene.

Applicant also requested reconsideration of the cited patent by Kmiec et al. on the grounds that Kmiec et al does not teach an oligoribonucleotide comprising two separate strands, nor does Kmiec et al teach an oligoribonucleotide which comprises linked stands which are self complementary AND fully complementary to the target gene. At the end of the discussion, the

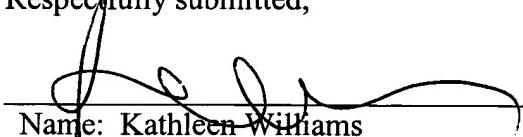
examiner agreed to consider if the prior art rejections of record would be obviated by an amendment in which the independent claims were amended to recite an isolated oligoribonucleotide consisting of two separate RNA strands that are self-complementary and fully complementary to the target gene.

It is believed that no fees are due. However, if overlooked, the Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge all fees in the total amount to Deposit Account 16-0085, Reference No. 20200/2092.

Date:

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed for filing the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Statement of Substance of Examiner Interview;
2. Amendment After Final Rejection;
3. Applicant-Initiated Interview Request Form; and
4. Return Post Card.

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